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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PARTY REACTION TO EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 4

REF: SEOUL 2126

1. DRP AND YUCHONGHOE HAVE PREDICTABLY ENDORSED EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. 4. DRP SPOKESMAN APRIL 4 CALLED ON STUDENTS TO "NORMALIZE CAMPUS AND NOT TO OPPOSE THE "CONSIDERATE" GOVERNMENT ACTION. YUCHONGHOE SAID MEASURE GIVES STUDENTS TIME TO RECONSIDER MISTAKES AND THAT NO STUDENT NEED BE PUNISHED IF THIS IF FULLY UNDERSTOOD.

2. DRP ALSO ANNOUNCED FOLLWOING APRIL 4 MEETING POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL THAT PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES POST-PONEMENT ALL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE SESSIONS AS WELL AS SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION PLANNED FOR LATE APRIL.

3. OPPOSITION NDP REFRAINED FROM MAKING STATEMENT DIRECTLY ON MEASURE NO 4. PARTY SPOKESMAN CHAE MUN

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SIK QUOTED BY RADIO, HOWEVER, AS RESPONDING TO DRP

PLAN TO POSTPONE ASSEMBLY SESSION BY STATING THAT IF NDP EFFORTS TO DEBATE ISSUES IN ASSEMBLY FAIL, NDP MAY BE FORCED TO ACT OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. NDP URGED THE GOVT TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMERGENCY MEASURES, INCLUDING MEASURE NO. 4, NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT: IF THE GOVT DOES NOT ALLOW EITHER COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS, IT WILL BE GOING BEYOND ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST STUDENTS AND OTHER ANTI-GOVT ACTIVISTS TO IN EFFECT CHOKE OFF ALL OUTLETS FOR OVERTPOLITICAL ACTIVITY.
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